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- On 27 September 1950, 20 jet fighters with swept-back wings and covered with tarpaulins were parked on the western edge of the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield and 4 to 6 planes of the same type at the eastern end of the runway. (1) No aircraft were seen in front of the hangars which were closed. A jet fighter took off three times and three single-engine planes practiced flying. The cloud base was 1,500 meters and the visibility range about 10 km. Since the numerous conventional fighters were no longer seen in front of the hangars it was supposed that most of them had been exchanged for jet fighters. (2) Local residents said that night flights were frequently made with jet fighters.
- There were no indications of an increase in the Soviet personnel in the town or at the airfield. Passenger cars and trucks with a mounted searchlight were seen. (3)
- Heavy AA guns were still emplaced on the southern edge of the field. (4) The radar set with ears, previously seen near the Zollmuehle north of the field, was no longer there. (5) The radio station with four masts was moved from the southern edge of the landing field and in the extension of the runway. A small tent was in the center of the four masts and a larger tent, presumably the quarters for the operative personnel, was somewhat to the side. One cable led from the station to the airfield and another cable to a second radio station in the road fork south of the barracks buildings. The second radio station consisted of a truck and a radio tower, 8 to 10 meters high and braced on all sides.
- The field was unusually strictly guarded. AA soldiers equipped with field glasses watched the field area. A jeep made patrol runs around the field. The fuel dump near the spur track north of the field was guarded.

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Comments.

- (1) Report confirms the occupation of the field by Mig-15s. The exact number of aircraft of this type is not known. Two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed in Zerbst. On 10 October 1950 it was observed that one of the two regiments was transferred temporarily to Neuruppin.
- (2) The assumption was supported by recent reports. [redacted] However, the transfer of conventional fighters has not been observed.
- (3) [redacted]
- (4) The AA gun emplacement was previously reported to be on the western edge of the landing field. [redacted]
- (5) The radar set was observed near the airfield for the last time in October 1949. The present location of the radar set is not known. Since a fighter division headquarters is stationed in Zerbst a radar set is probably located there.

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